



**Public Hearing Testimony of
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Good Afternoon Senator Gomes, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang, Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **Senate Bill No. 222, AAC the Repeal of Obsolete Reports and Programs Involving the Labor Department**. My name is Scott Jackson and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

I am here to speak in support of this bill which repeals obsolete, unnecessary and duplicative reports and programs required by statute. Currently, the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission (CETC), administered by the Department of Labor, is required to submit a report that develops a plan for the coordination of all employment and training programs in Connecticut. The report includes the progress CETC has made in carrying out its duties and responsibilities during the previous year as well as its goals and objectives for the current year. This report is duplicative of reports CETC must make to USDOL. CETC is further required to submit a report on the state's progress in achieving Workforce Investment Act performance measures. This report is also duplicative of federal plans and reports the Department must file with USDOL.

Another report that is obsolete is one required on the status of assistance to employers for job training and meeting ISO 9000 quality standards. The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) was to allocate funds to DOL to provide such assistance to employers and prepare and submit an annual report on the assistance provided. As DECD no longer allocates funds to DOL for this program, DOL no longer provides this assistance to employers or submits the required report.

Furthermore, in 1999, DOL was directed to establish two-year pilot program for recipients of temporary family assistance and submit a report on the program. As the project ended in 2002, the statute should be repealed as it is obsolete.

Finally, DOL's Office of Workforce Competitiveness is required to submit a report to the Board of Regents that identifies workforce shortage sectors and the skills needed in such sectors. DOL has found that the report is not particularly helpful, and rather believes that a Job Vacancy Survey is more informative. As such, the report should be repealed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I am available to answer any questions you may have.